



MISS BERRIEN SPRINGS
Lori Deitrich



MISS BANGOR
Dorothy Parker



MISS COVERT
Cynthia Hawkins



MISS NEW BUFFALO
Linda Marie Cook



MISS THREE OAKS
Sandra Kay Good



MISS BUCHANAN
Donna Shreve



MISS DECATUR
Nancy Adduci



MISS DOWAGIAC
Toysa True

BLOSSOM COURT COMPLETE: Crowning of these eight community queens Saturday night completes the selection of 30 girls who will vie for the title of Miss Blossomtime 1970 two weeks from tonight, Monday, April 20, in the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

4 POLICEMEN SLAIN IN WILD GUN FIGHT

Kidnaped Envoy Is Murdered

W. Germany Might Break Off Relations

GUATEMALA (AP) — Guatemalan security forces stepped up their hunt for members of the leftist Rebel Armed Forces during the night after the body of kidnaped West German Ambassador Karl Von Sprei was found in a roofless mud hut near Guatemala City. He had been shot once in the head.

Police patrols were seen on almost every other block of the capital. Some homes were searched. But there was no immediate report of any arrests.

Count Von Sprei was kidnaped Tuesday and killed Sunday after the Guatemalan government refused the demands of the Rebel Armed Forces, or FAR, for the release of 22 jailed FAR members and \$700,000 in ransom money. The terrorists warned several times that they would kill the 63-year-old diplomat if their demands were not met.

BRANDT ANGRY
West German Chancellor Willy Brandt scored the Guatemalan government, saying it had "shown itself unable to give accredited diplomatic representatives necessary security." In a statement issued in El Paso, Tex., during his tour of the United States, he said cooperation between countries "will be seriously threatened if it does not

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COUNT KARL VON SPREI
West German Ambassador

Here's Real Meaning Of 'Dead Drunk'

LONDON (AP) — The undertakers wheeled David Wallace into a mortuary, then saw him move. Wallace was drunk, not dead.

His friends had called the undertakers Sunday as a joke after Wallace, 25, had one too many and passed out.

He was not amused. "I might have been buried alive if nobody saw me move," he said. "I shudder to think about it."

The undertakers were not amused either. They sent Wallace a bill for the funeral he missed.

Suspect Holed Up In House

Young Man Was Witness To Killings

SAUGUS, Calif. (AP) — Four patrolmen were shot fatally Sunday night while investigating reports of two men brandishing guns at motorists on a mountain highway.

Sheriff's deputies started a search for the two gunmen and as they did so one of the men entered a nearby house and took a father hostage.

The man then started firing at the more than 100 officers surrounding the house, officials said.

They identified him as Jack Wright Twining, 35, who said he held Steve Hoag captive.

OTHERS ESCAPE
Mrs. Hoag escaped from the house and their son, Jeff, was safe in an outbuilding bedroom.

Because of the hostage, officers outside held their fire as deputies with bullhorns ordered him to surrender.

One deputy quoted Twining as shouting: "I'll be dead if I walk out."

The other man wanted in the slaying surrendered himself about an hour earlier to electric power station employees about five miles away. He was identified as Russell Lowell Talbert, 28. Deputies said both were wanted in connection with the slaying of a federal officer in Oregon.

Mrs. Hoag told deputies that Twining knocked on their door at 4:15 a.m., demanding the family car. When it was offered, she said, the gunman changed his mind and took Hoag captive while she slipped out.

Officers said one suspect was believed severely wounded in the original shootout. With two patrolmen dead and one mortally wounded, the last officer had held off the two gunmen alone for five minutes until he was hit by a shot in the face, a witness said.

The men fled in their red, late-model sedan as 40 customers in a nearby coffee house huddled on the floor. A car of that description was found about 10 minutes later on a dead-end street about a block from the shooting scene.

Three helicopters and more than 100 law enforcement officers on foot and in four-wheel-drive vehicles scoured the rugged, brush-covered hill and canyon area in search of the assassins.

One witness, among four young persons in a car towing a boat, said he was "standing in the parking lot and saw a California Highway Patrol stop a red car with two fellows in it."

The two officers got out and approached the Pontiac. The fellow on the passenger side got out and immediately shot the cop, picked up his shotgun and went around to the front of the car and shot the other cop.

The witness, who would not give his name to newsmen, said "another highway patrol car pulled up behind. Then the driver got out and shot. Then this one young cop held off these two guys for about five minutes by himself."

Finally this one fellow went around to the front of the highway patrol car and shot this

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WEAPONS EXAMINED: Sheriff's deputy Sam White examines three pistols found at the scene of the slaying of four California Highway Patrol officers near Saugus, Calif., today. The weapons were dropped by two men who fled into rough countryside nearby. (AP Wirephoto)

Sam Sheppard Dies Of 'Flu'

Osteopath Was Center Of Infamous Murder Case

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Dr. Sam Sheppard, former Cleveland osteopath who was convicted and later acquitted of killing his first wife, died at his home here today.

His third wife, Colleen, said cause of death was not immediately learned.

"He died here at home," she said. "He had the flu for several days and apparently it was more than the flu but we didn't know this."

"He was half asleep and half awake. He was just in delirium and died at about 7 a.m."

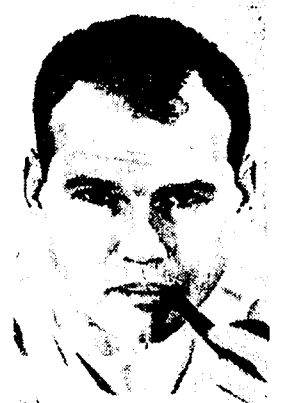
She said no doctor had seen Sheppard during the illness. "He wouldn't let us call anyone," she said. "He got sick two days. . . no really three days ago. We have no idea what caused the death."

NO COMMENT ON CAUSE

Dr. Robert A. Evans, Franklin County Coroner, said Sheppard had been treating himself for flu. He would not comment on the cause of death. Sheppard, 45, had been living at the residence of his father-in-law, B. L. Strickland since last summer.

Sheppard started about a year ago wrestling for charitable events and Strickland was his manager and wrestling partner. He married Strickland's daughter, Colleen, 20, on Oct. 21 in Mexico.

Sheppard first made national news on July 4, 1954 when his pregnant first wife, Marilyn, was found brutally beaten to death in their plush Bay Village,



DR. SAM SHEPPARD

Ohio, home just west of Cleveland.

SENTENCED TO LIFE

Sheppard was convicted of second-degree murder in a widely publicized and controversial trial and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Sheppard spent nearly 10 years in the Ohio Penitentiary while

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Evangelistic Services Nightly, 7:30. Lake Michigan Assembly Of God, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, Adv.

Diplomat Foils Kidnaping Try

U.S. Consul In Brazil Wounded In Escape

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP) — The U.S. consul in Porto Alegre was recovering today from a slight wound suffered in thwarting a kidnap attempt. He used his car to run down one of his would-be kidnapers, and they let loose a hail of bullets as he escaped.

Curtis C. Cutter, a 41-year-old Korean War veteran, became the first diplomat in Latin America to personally defy a kidnap attempt since the wave of political abductions started last September. There have been eight previous kidnappings or attempted kidnappings in Latin American countries.

Cutter was driving home late Saturday night with his wife, Catherine, and a former State Department official, Hovey Clark, when a gang in a car intercepted them. Several men wearing dark glasses and carrying machine guns jumped out and headed toward Cutter's station wagon.

The consul stepped on the gas and pulled around the car blocking his path, hitting one of the men and dragging him on the bumper for several yards. The other kidnapers opened fire, wounding the consul slightly in the back, but he was able to drive to his home a few blocks away.

Police said the assailants were members of the leftist Armed Revolutionary Vanguard. They picked up their injured comrade and escaped.

Guards were put on Cutter's hospital room, his home and the homes of other diplomats.

Appeals were broadcast over radio stations in the area for all doctors to report any cases of auto injuries they treat. Police said they found the car used by the attackers. They said it had



CURTIS C. CUTTER
Escapes Kidnapers

been stolen last month.

Cutter joined the foreign service in 1957. He served in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Lima, Peru, and Washington before coming to Porto Alegre last November. A native of California, he is a

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Editorial Page

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Counterattack

Against Welfare

A major goal in Nixon's platform is to find a workable substitute for the country's relief program.

It is a national disgrace and the only sign of progress is the problem's swelling dimension. The U.S. welfare bill today is twice what it was ten years ago. In Berrien county this acceleration is at least fourfold.

In 1960 the local Social Services Bureau had 621 families on relief. In mid-1969, the latest publicly declared head count, the load had risen to 1,691. Making allowance for the money benefits escalating substantially in that interim, this 2½ family numerical gain translate much higher in monetary cost.

Many factors contribute to the flood.

Michigan is one of several northern states whose dole greatly exceeds other states and since last year when the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the minimum residency requirement this factor has encouraged an already overly stimulated welfare migration.

The high percentage of uneducated, unskilled persons on welfare keeps them out of the employment market.

A variety of job training schemes have been tried and are under testing, but as Wesley Bowerman, the Bureau's director, pointed out last week before a luncheon club meeting, the training programs hit the rim rather than the center of the target. Being male oriented, they are not of great value to the ADC mother who constitutes the bulk of the relief load.

The WIN (work incentive) program is being tried here experimentally. Its results are

Confusing The

Human Clock

The jet age is with us, but man apparently is not yet with the jet age. Flying from east to west or vice-versa still causes such disorientation that the State Department directs key negotiators not to engage in serious talks until they have recycled their biological clocks. Similarly, most British businessmen are forbidden by their firms to sign any contract in the United States until at least 48 hours after a trans-Atlantic flight.

"The complex machinery of the body, which is regulated to a fairly constant program of sleeping and waking, food and exercise, rest and sleep, adapts only slowly to rapid time changes," says David Moreau, a director of the Syntex pharmaceutical firm.

To analyze the disturbances in man's biological clock, the company is studying a group of male and female volunteers between the ages of 20 and 40. They are being shuffled between London and San Francisco this month. Four doctors accompany the volunteers to administer intensive psychological tests enroute, and examine blood and urine specimens every four hours around the clock. A novel aspect of these tests is the precise measurement of hormones produced by various glands.

Specialists believe that the hormones secreted by the endocrine glands drive the human biological clock and keep the body time oriented. When man is abruptly transported across several time zones there is a lag before the endocrine system can adjust to the change. Presumably,

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

loopholes in the tax laws.

OPENS HOME

—40 Years Ago—

Mrs. Julia Bradford, who has been spending the winter at Rockford, Ill., will return this week and open her home at 910 Lake boulevard.

RECELECTED

—50 Years Ago—

Mayor Herman C. Balow was reelected over Win T. Mullen to the city's highest office by 114 votes. Little more than 50 percent of the city's registered voting strength cast a ballot yesterday.

DEMOCRATS WIN

—60 Years Ago—

Democrats gained supremacy

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — Johann Sebastian Bach is sometimes called the "founder of modern music." True or false?

2 — What do the initials of P.T. Barnum's name stand for?

3 — Who was the founder of the American Red Cross?

4 — Luther Burbank was known as the "Plant Magician." True or false?

5 — Who painted "The Blue Boy"?

YOUR FUTURE

Your outlook is excellent. Take calculated risks and forge ahead. Today's child will be one of the luckiest of the lucky.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

MAGNITUDE — (MAG-netUDE) — size; extent; great amount; importance.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1917 the United States entered World War I.

BORN TODAY

Gen. Alfredo Ovando Candia is the most powerful man in Bolivia. He is also the president and commander-in-chief of the armed forces following a military takeover last year that ousted civilian president Luis Adolfo Siles Salinas.

Unlike traditional Latin America military regimes, generally aligned with the landholding oligarchy, Ovando depends for much of his support on the workers and peasants. As a first official act, the

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — The results of recent primaries in Chicago show Mayor Richard Daley still reigns supreme in the Windy City and remains a Democratic party power nationally.

Threatened by what many thought to be serious challenges to the "Old Politics" of the Daley organization in three predominately Negro Congressional Districts, the mayor's candidates won easily over militant opponents.

In the Third Congressional District, whose registered Democratic voters are at least 60 per cent Negro, Morgan F.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

Is there any truth to the fact that an unborn child wants attention and therefore kicks the mother especially during the night?

Mrs. W. C., California

Dear Mrs. C.: This is one of the delightful myths about pregnancy which has no basis in scientific truth. I don't mean to be facetious but I can't resist saying it is pretty dark inside the mother's womb and I doubt if the fetus knows whether it is day or night.

As I say this, I would like to correct myself because some new studies seem to suggest that the time Dr. Coleman clock mechanism found after birth may exist before it.

Have you ever heard of these additional myths about pregnancy? It has been said that each child takes away sufficient calcium from the mother so that she pays a penalty with the loss of a tooth. This is false, but even if it were true the children would be worth it. A nourishing diet prevents this.

Another one that has always intrigued me is that women in mid-pregnancy develop a great desire for baked bread. Maybe stress accounts for this. And it may be true.

I have read that high blood pressure can be caused by a tumor of the adrenal gland. Since then I am terrified that my doctor won't tell me the true cause of my high blood pressure.

Mr. M. O. R., New Hampshire

Dear Mr. R.: Yes, there is a tumor which can cause high blood pressure but it occurs so rarely and takes such extraordinary tests for the diagnosis that you can be sure there is little or no chance that you have it.

The tumor "that you do not have" is known as pheochromocytoma, which in itself is a word that would be terrifying to pronounce. For those interested in scientific medicine, this tumor occurs in the adrenal gland, a hormone gland that lies near the kidney. About two tenths of one per cent of all cases of high blood pressure may be caused by such a tumor. Certainly this rarity should not permit you to be concerned about it.

You can be certain that your doctor is not withholding this information from you. If, after extensive tests, it was found that you did have this unusual condition you would be treated with a number of excellent drugs that are now available. Surgery is highly successful in cases where the diagnosis is definite.

Has the knowledge that this condition exists increased your anxiety or has it given you a reasonable insight into the unreality that your doctor has been avoiding the truth?

I have been given a copper band to wear around my wrist for my arthritis. I wear it because it was given to me, even though it does absolutely nothing for me. Does it make any sense?

Mrs. G. U. C., Vermont

Dear Mrs. C.: No it does not make any scientific sense, but I am too tired to fight the copper battle with those who are fixed about it. I hate to suggest it, but could you have been given this instead of a gold one?

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Open electric sockets are dangerous to the probing fingers of children.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

10983

2

5

4

76432

WEST

376

K963

KQ105

J8

EAST

4

J1074

5742

K109

SOUTH

A K Q 6 2

A Q 8 5

A 8 3

4 5

The bidding:

South West North East

1 Pass 2 Pass

2 Pass 3 Pass

6 Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Here is a neat hand played many years ago by the Viennese expert Siegfried Klausner. Not many declarers would have brought home the slam.

The principle that Klausner applied is known as a gambit — a term borrowed from chess, where a player deliberately sacrifices a piece in the expectation of later capturing one or more of his opponent's pieces because of the sacrificial maneuver.

West won with the jack but there was nothing he could do to stop the slam. He did as well as he could when he returned a diamond, forcing dummy to ruff, but Klausner trumped a club with the king, reentered dummy by playing the six of spades to the ten, and thus won the rest of the tricks.

Had declarer neglected to ruff the deuce of clubs high, or had he failed to underlead the king of spades, he would inevitably have gone down.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A hen-pecked husband was futilely hunting for a parking space at the theater hour in New York when his wife shrieked out to him as she prepared to amble to her seat without him, "Don't park it near any pigeons, you fool! Remember I had it washed just three days ago!"

The first time the famous old vaudeville team of Block and Sully played London's Palladium Theatre, Miss Sully suddenly discovered that her necklace was missing. "Don't worry," soothed Block. "There are no gangsters over here. All we have to do is summon Scotland Yard."

In due course, exactly the kind of character they were expecting turned up from the Yard — complete with walrus mustache, derby, rolled umbrella and black notebook. They heard nothing from him for 24 hours. Then Block was told he was calling.

"What did I tell you?" he exulted. When he returned to the dressing room, Miss Sully demanded, "Has he recovered my necklace?"

"On the contrary," answered Block glumly. "He's lost his umbrella."

SIGN HERE:

In a fireplace store: "Any-



thing your little heart desires."

At a hearing aid center: "Let us give you some sound advice."

At a boutique for infant wear: "We cater to the carriage trade."

Factographs

Orthodox Mohammedans always face toward Mecca when they pray.

The city of Rome is built on seven hills.

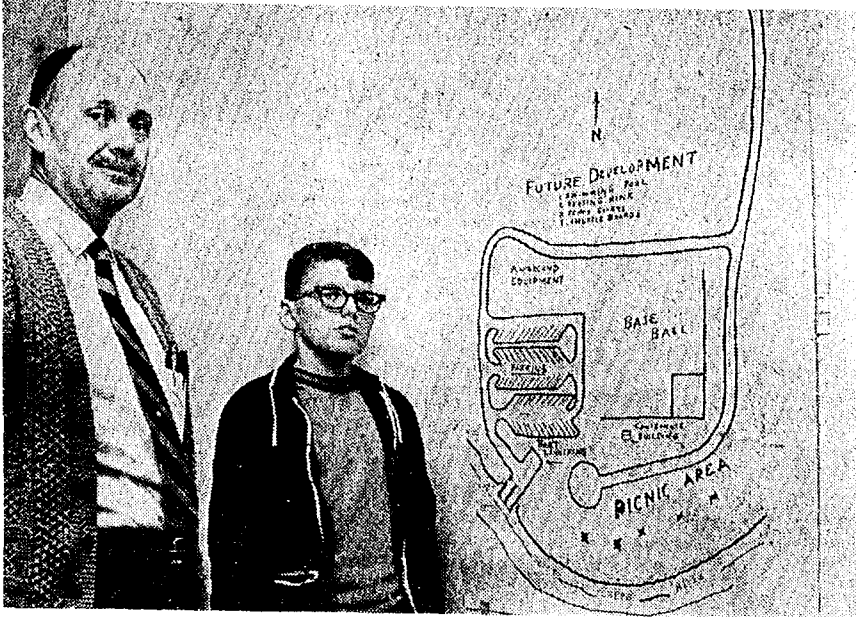
The British soldier was called "Tommy Atkins."

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Twin City
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1970

SJ TOWNSHIP'S COST OF GROWTH UNOPPOSED



CARRONDE PARK DEVELOPMENT: Ernest B. Ruble, a member of the St. Joseph Parks commission, shows his son, Charles, 11, development plan for Carronde park. The park is located on the St. Joseph river across from River-view park. Ruble said full development may take 10 years. He has applied for state funds on a matching basis for various park items ranging from a swimming pool to boat landing facilities. (Staff photo)

\$517,000 Budget Is Approved

August Vote Due
On Special Tax
For Police Patrols

St. Joseph township citizens approved a \$517,000 budget — \$171,000 over last year — at the annual meeting Saturday reflecting increasing urbanization of the suburban community.

Most of the increase is for water, sewers and drains.

The two dozen residents and board members present approved a resolution putting a one-mill special tax for police protection on the Aug. 4 ballot. The current police protection tax expires after this year.

PARK PROGRAM

Park board member Ernest B. Ruble outlined a \$100,000 development program for Carronde park on the St. Joseph river. The township has applied for state funds, he said.

There were few objections raised on anything at the two hour and 17 minute session. No one opposed a \$2,700 salary hike for Supervisor Orval L. Benson. There was no opposition to the announcement that water and sewer line installations would cost up to three mills in township-wide taxes.

Benson said it is not certain that the three mills will be spread this year. It will depend on the progress in installing the water and sewer system. But the township has the authority to levy such taxes if it is necessary, Benson said.

There was some questioning of police operations. Several said they saw the township patrol car outside the township. Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell, who made a brief appearance at the meeting, said the township patrol car was only outside the township on emergency cases or while it was on township business and that when the township car was in for repairs the county provided a car. In some cases the township patrol car passes through other units in going from one end of the township to the other.

Ernest B. Ruble a member of the park board, said the township had applied for \$70,000 to build a boat launching ramp, parking lot and convenience building in Carronde park.

In making the application to the State Waterways commission Ruble inquired about other funds to develop the park. He listed other desirable items as a swimming pool, skating rink, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, playground, baseball diamond and picnic area. He said he has made preliminary application for additional state funds.

The recreation funds would be on an 80-20 matching basis. The township park budget was set at \$28,540, up from \$21,000 last year, to provide these matching funds sometime in the future.

The board of trustee meetings held at 7:30 p.m. each first and third Tuesday of the month at the township municipal hall, 1725 Territorial road.

INCREASES

In the budget session the main increases were as follows: clerical salaries \$25,000, up from \$11,000 because of anticipated work in view of water and sewer services; engineering, \$10,000, a new item; fire department \$30,000 (up \$20,000); water and bonds \$122,000 up from \$52,250; landfill and rubbish collection \$80,000, up from \$52,000; parks \$28,540 from \$21,000; sewage \$40,000, a new item and drains \$25,000 also a new item.

The township expects \$28,000 in state income tax, \$80,000 in sales tax diversion, \$7,000 in intangible tax.

It has \$110,000 balance on hand, expects \$60,000 from a mill and a half rubbish tax, \$40,000 from the one mill police protection tax and \$80,000 from the two-mill water levy and \$40,000 from the one-mill sewer tax. Its regular one-mill township tax would bring in another \$45,000.

Disabled Vets In Niles Will Get Claim Assistance

NILES — A national DAV service officer from Detroit will attend a meeting tonight of Niles Disabled American Veterans chapter 55 to assist with claims. Commander Wilbur Hepler said all disabled veterans and their families in the area are invited.

HOMES FOR BERRIEN COUNTY FAMILIES, INC.

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J. E. SAHL



CHURCH COUNCIL HOUSING: Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday for the start of new housing project to be built by Berrien County Council of Churches on South Crystal avenue, one quarter mile south of Empire avenue in Benton township. The \$2,654,800 Berrien Homes subdivision, financed through federal funds for low to medium income families, will contain 160 town houses of one to four bedrooms. From left are: William Schumacher, contractor; Rev. Edward Goodman, executive director of church council; Joseph Bullard, vice president of Whitcomb and Keller, Inc., South Bend mortgage firm; Wayne Hatfield, Benton Harbor architect; Judd Spray, president of Homes for Berrien Families Inc.; and Atty. Carroll Williams of Benton Harbor. (Photo by Pete Mitchell)

BH, St. Joe Holding Elections

Millage Issues
Head Ballots
In Both Cities

Benton Harbor voters began trickling to the polls early today to settle a money issue vital to the city's police and fire departments and to name four major city officeholders.

In St. Joseph, voters were deciding a \$210,000 bond issue sought to finance replacement of the Park street viaduct and electing two city commissioners. Two incumbents seeking re-election were running unopposed. The early turnout was also reported starting slow.

A sampling of the 10 voting precincts in Benton Harbor showed between one and four per cent of the voters in individual precincts had voted by 9:30 a.m. In most of the sample precincts, the turnout was considered "slightly lighter" than normal.

The largest precinct, however, reported the pace was steady and the turnout "pretty good" considering the early hour. The spokesman for Precinct Three, Ward Three, located in the Sterne-Brunson school said 50 had cast their ballots by 9:15 a.m.

City officials have been forecasting a 20-25 per cent turnout among the 6,731 registered voters because of the money issue and contests involving three of the four commission positions.

The money question involves a four-mill, three-year levy on taxable property designed to produce \$256,000 yearly. City officials have said cuts amounting to the expected income would have to be made in the police and fire departments, if the issue is defeated.

The commission races involve the two commissioner-at-large berths where incumbents F. Joseph Flaugher and Edward Merrill are being challenged by Clarence T. Richards Jr., and the Third Ward post, Daniel E. Chapman and James Toliver seek the Ward position being vacated by Rex Sheeley.

Fourth Ward Commissioner Charles Gray is seeking re-election unopposed.

Also on the ballot are incumbent ward supervisors seeking re-election unopposed. They are Clifford Stevens, First Ward; Walter C. Miller, Second Ward; and Elizabeth Minott, Third Ward. The Fourth Ward supervisor position and the city constable berth are also to be filled, but no candidates filed for them.

The St. Joseph bond issue, if adopted, will add about \$3 a year in taxes to a home assessed for taxing purposes at \$5,000. The present viaduct is 58 years old.

Seeking re-election unopposed are commissioners C.A. Tobias Jr. and Franklin H. Smith.

Benton Clerk Gets Raise, Pat On Back

Benton township residents in their annual meeting Saturday voted a \$1,500 raise in the salary of the township clerk and a raise in the per diem rate for members of the board of trustees, planning commission and board of review.

Forrest S. Pearson, treasurer of the Pearson Construction Co., made the suggestion that Clerk Ralph Dahn receive the salary increase because of his full time devotedness to the job. Dahn was an "unsung hero," he said.

The salary increase raises the clerk's salary to \$8,000. Pearson said he did not include the supervisor and treasurer as they had income from other sources and were not considered full time township employees.

Supervisor Ray A. Wilder's annual salary is \$6,000 and Treasurer James Cuby's salary is \$5,500.

The salary increase was suggested while the annual meeting was recessed for a public hearing on the proposed annual budget. Pearson stood and said he would like to make a contribution.

Several persons asked if he meant a monetary contribution. He didn't. He said he had been studying township salaries as a one-man committee and thought the citizens were getting a first class government for their money.

The per diem rate was changed so that the rates for members of the board of trustees and planning commission were raised from \$15 to \$20 a meeting. The rate was changed from \$15 to \$25 for members of the board of review.

UNUSUAL RAPPORT

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ATTENDED BY FEW

The democratic process is still there but only 25-30 persons out of the township's population of about 23,500 were present for the meeting Saturday. And most of those were there to give annual reports.

Supervisor Wilder observed, however, that it was a relief not to see a "house full of irate people seeking regress for one thing or another."

Business during the meeting included the adoption of the following resolution.

That a budget of \$660,320 be adopted for the township for the 1970-1971 fiscal year, with \$224,000 of this going for police protection and \$188,170 for fire protection.

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BH Schools Unit, Residents To Meet

The second of a series of neighborhood school meetings will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Fairplain West school. The meetings are sponsored by the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Benton Harbor school district to give residents an opportunity to express their views on schools.

Parents are invited along with teachers and administrators to present ideas on how the needs of the district can be met. The first neighborhood meeting was held last month at Fairplain Northwest and was well-attended.

2nd Veteran Executive Quits Leco

Schmitt, McKnight
Buy Ind. Business

A second former top official of Laboratory Equipment Corp. of St. Joseph, today disclosed his resignation last week, following in the wake of a major reorganization of the firm's operational management last December.

Howard Schmitt, displaced in December as Leco's executive vice president, disclosed his April 1 resignation in an announcement stating that he and Willard McKnight, of St. Joseph, former Leco president, have purchased a South Bend sheet metal plant.

PURCHASE COMPANY
The announcement said the two long-time Leco officials have purchased the J.C. Lauber Co. of South Bend. It is a sheet metal contracting firm that employs 25.

McKnight left Leco in January after 22 years with the corporation. Schmitt had been with the firm 24 years.

McKnight was replaced as Leco president when Joseph A. Sauer of St. Joseph was elected president in December. Robert



HOWARD SCHMITT



WILLARD MCKNIGHT

Warren of St. Joseph was named executive vice president at the same time, replacing Schmitt.

Sauer, the new president, said at the time of McKnight's resignation, that the stockholders desired to exercise direct operational control over Leco.

McKnight and Schmitt, in their announcement today, indicated their resignations were the result of that new policy.

Sauer is president of both Leco and Benton Harbor Malleable Industries. Warren is also executive vice president of Malleable.

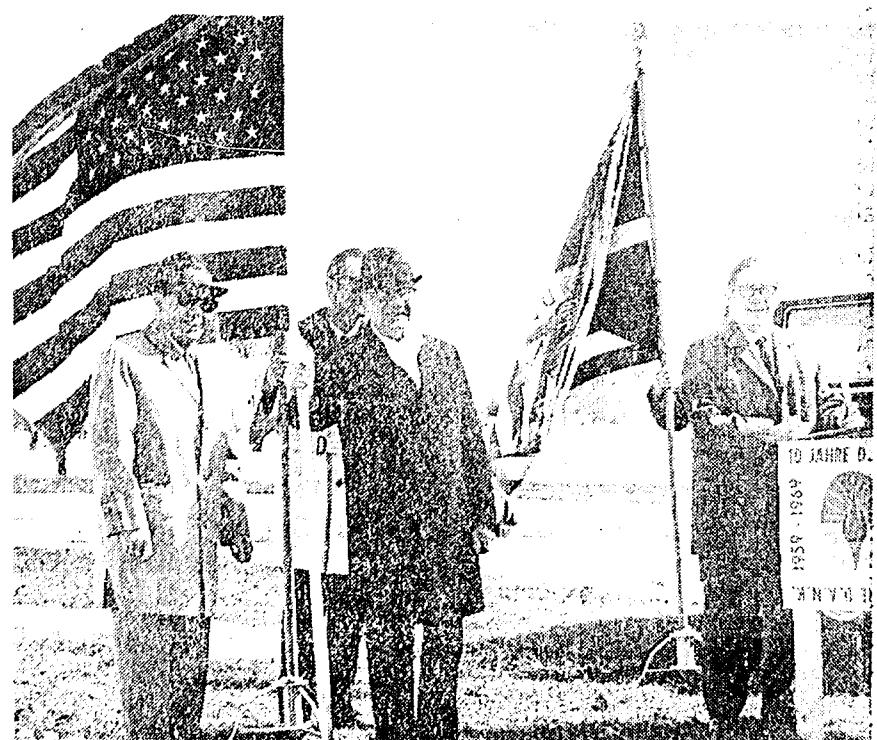
Leco is owned by a single stockholding family, including Sauer and Warren and several

others.

During the time Schmitt and McKnight were with Leco, the local firm's sales increased from \$100,000 to \$6.2 million and export sales were developed to a significant percentage of Leco's business.

McKnight has been active in community and industrial affairs with memberships in the Area Resources Improvement Council, Kiwanis, United Community Fund and Twin City Safety council, among others.

Schmitt is a nationally known chairman, speaker and panelist for the American Management association, National Electronics conference and University of Michigan graduate school of business administration.



BUILDING NEW CLUBHOUSE: Members of the local chapter of the German American National Congress (D.A.N.K.) attended ground breaking ceremonies Sunday for start of chapter's new \$60,000 clubhouse on Pipestone road, north of Nickerson avenue in Sodus township. Preparing to take the first shovel of dirt is Walter Kollacks of Chicago, national President of D.A.N.K. Local officers of the organization, from left, are: Aldert Haller, vice-president; Hamman Eckert, second vice president; and Josef Baumann, president. (Photo by Pete Mitchell)

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1970

MILLAGE ISSUES PROPOSED IN COVERT TWP.

Jail Cook Retires
After 17 Years'Miss Annie' Has Prepared
Nearly 20,000 MealsBy HOWARD HOLMES
Staff Writer

Miss Anna E. Schroeder, Berrien county's "chief cook and bottle washer," has retired after 17 years and 10 months of cooking for prisoners in the Berrien county jail. Her retirement was effective Saturday.

"Miss Annie," as her trustee helpers call her, has been cooking for the inmates since the new jail was built in 1952. The job is equal to that of a mess sergeant of any good-sized army unit.

Her duties included the cooking of meals for prisoners and the supervision of trustees who assisted in the kitchen.

How many meals has she cooked? "You figure it out," she said. "I've been here 17 years and 10 months, rain or shine, sick or well. Three meals a day."

That figures out to about 19,500 meals (minus a few for deserving vacations). The meals were prepared for a company of prisoners who vary in number from day to day — anywhere from 50 to 150.

"Miss Annie" is a hard-working German woman who

came to this county in 1923 with her parents. She became a U.S. citizen in 1938. She has worked all of the 47 years she has lived in St. Joseph.

WEEKENDS TOO

Her duties at the county jail required her to arrive at work at 5:30 a.m. on some days and at 12:30 on other days. The time was divided with another cook, but each took turns working 12 hour shifts on weekends so the other could have the weekend off.

"Miss Annie" was given a going-away party Friday by members of the sheriff's department.

What is she going to do in her retirement?

"I'm going to have a good time," she said.



COOK RETIRES: Miss Anna E. Schroeder, cook for the Berrien county jail for 17 years and 10 months, stirs her last kettle of soup for Saturday supper, before retiring. (Staff photo)

Ambulance,
Police Dept.
Are AskedThird Request
Would Provide
Water, Sewers

COVERT — Three millage propositions — two for expanded services and one for the creation of a water - sewer district — were unveiled for examination by Covert township residents at their annual meeting Saturday.

The township board will ask voters to approve the creation of a fulltime police department, fulltime ambulance service and a one mile square sanitary sewer - water district. A date for the special elections will be set by the Van Buren county board of supervisors.

The police and ambulance proposals would annually cost an estimated \$24,000 and \$38,000 respectively. Voters will be asked to approve a one mill levy for three years to finance the two programs.

The police force would consist of a chief and two patrolmen who would provide 24-hour service.

AMBULANCE PLAN

The ambulance proposal would supplement the protection currently offered by the Van Buren county sheriff department and would be for township residents only.

The proposed sewage-water district, which affects 135 residents, is bounded by 32nd and 34th avenues on the north and 36th and 38th avenues on the south and goes a half mile east and a half mile west of M-140.

Voters will be asked to approve a 2.6 mill levy for a period of 15 years. Residents of the district would pay an additional \$1,153 above the millage levy.

The sewage system will cost approximately \$890,000 and the water \$870,000.

PURCHASE OF BUS

A resolution was approved by the 75 persons attending (which calls for the township board to purchase a bus to be used as transportation by senior citizens. The township would also have to provide a driver, insurance and maintain the vehicle. A minimum rate for use of the bus would also be set.

The board took the resolution under advisement pending a legal opinion.

The township clerk was asked to maintain office hours one day a month at the township hall.

Recognized for community service was Mrs. Webster Anderson who spearheaded a drive to obtain outdoor Christmas decorations and the 1969 cleanup campaign chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Harold White.

Mrs. Edward Johnson was appointed 1970 community cleanup chairman. The drive will be held May 4-9.

NEW NAME

'Attitude
Adjustment'
Hour Near'

BUCHANAN — Wednesday will be a special night for the Buchanan Clark Management club when the monthly dinner meeting is held in Holiday Inn at Niles at 6:30 p.m., following an "attitude adjustment hour" at 5:30.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the National Management Association's Silver Knight award to Walter E. Schirmer, Clark Equipment company president. H. J. "Jack" Post will make the presentation and will recap some of the memorable events that have occurred during the 30 year history of the Management club.

Jack Post entered management in 1921, served eight years as superintendent and in other capacities at Bendix in South Bend, and at the Clark Equipment company from 1938 to 1943 as superintendent of the housing division. He took the lead in building the NMA, largest management organization in America.

He became executive vice-president in 1943, after serving as national president. He is author of the book, "How You Can Be What You Want To Be," now used by the association and American industry as a basis for a leadership training program.



SCOUT FAIR REMINDER: Camp Madron Indian dancers Greg Romeu, Greg Conrad and Steve Brooks, from left, inspect poster for Boy Scout Fun fair, set for May 2 at Youth fairgrounds, Berrien Springs. Fair is sponsored by Southwestern Michigan Council of Boy Scouts and is expected to draw about 5,000 youths. Indian dancers will participate at fair.

South Haven Township
Pay Increases Okayed

SOUTH HAVEN — Salary increases for all officials were approved at the annual meeting of South Haven township.

The supervisor's salary was increased from \$3,500 to \$4,500; the treasurer's from \$2,700 to \$3,200; the clerk's from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and the trustee's from \$15 to \$20 per meeting.

Anticipated revenue for the 1970-71 fiscal year will be \$91,860 as against expected expenses of \$91,750.

The question of the legality of a request by the Al-Van Humane Society that it receive an appropriation of township funds was raised. No action was taken although it was the consensus of

some attending that approval of an appropriation would be precedent - setting as far as future requests from community organizations of a similar nature.

Supervisor Richard Bus said that a public meeting would be held in June to explain the progress of a proposed zoning ordinance. A request from the zoning board for \$500 to meet expenses was approved.

HALL REMODELING

The board was authorized to negotiate lease - agreements for the use of unimproved portions of the new township hall for a period up to 10 years. Only one-fourth of the new building has been remodeled for township

purposes. The board heard complaints regarding a plugged drain on 73rd street near 12th avenue and litter on the Deerlick beach. The board was authorized to negotiate for a five year contract for fire protection with the city of South Haven. It was reported that the city answered 50 alarms in South Haven township during 1969.

Bus reported that the board has offered the city space in the new township hall for fire equipment.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to retired dumpmaster John Zillman.

Abortion Reformer Will
Speak To GOP Women

State Senator N. Lorraine Beebe (Dearborn) will be guest speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the Berrien county Republican Women's club, Saturday at 1 p.m. at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville, according to club president Mrs. John Symons.

Sen. Beebe's name has become synonymous with the campaign to liberalize abortion. This will be her topic when she appears here.

INTEREST IS HIGH

Sen. Beebe, a strong advocate of abortion reform, has stated that "All of the House hearings on abortion reform have been standing - room only and veteran observers of such things said they have never seen public participation like we've had in these hearings." It is generally agreed that Sen. Beebe has brought these

hearings and to the issue of abortion reform an insight only a woman could lend to it, Mrs. Symons said.

Sen. Beebe is only the third woman in history to serve in the Michigan Senate and is currently the sole female in the upper House.

In addition to her duties as the Assistant Senate Majority Leader and chairman of the Health, Social Services and Retirement committee, the former Kalamazoo and Dearborn school teacher's concerns go into the Youth Services bureau, drug abuse, social welfare, mental health, and women's rights.

MOTHER OF 2

Sen. Beebe is the mother of a daughter, Anne, who attends the University of Michigan; and a married son, Peter, who will be graduating from Yale Divinity school this year. She also has

one grandson, Michael Peter.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$3 per person and reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Donald Litke, Mrs. Leland Smith, Mrs. Martin Tretheway, or the Republican office of Berrien county in Benton Harbor.

Persons interested in hearing Sen. Beebe, are asked to make reservations by Wednesday, as attendance will be limited to 250.

State School
Board Urges
Open Meets

LANSING (AP) — The State Board of Education says it has a "good record" for keeping its meetings open to the public and that local boards should follow this example.

"We frequently receive reports of local boards of education which close their doors to the public and news media at all but the most formal sessions," said Marilyn Jean Kelly, a member of the state board. "State board policy has been and remains that all regular meetings are open to the public, and that public scrutiny and involvement in virtually all matters on which the board deliberates is welcomed and encouraged."

The board called for discussions with officials of the Michigan Association of School Boards regarding the open-door policy.



SEN. N. LORRAINE BEEBE

Elections
Being Held
All Over

Today is spring election day in Southwestern Michigan.

Holding annual city elections are Bridgman, Buchanan, Niles and Watervliet in Berrien county; Gobles and Bangor in Van Buren county; and Fennville in Allegan county.

In all the cities, candidates are seeking election to various city offices with no other special issues on the ballot.

SCHOOLS VOTING

Five school districts are also holding special elections today. In all the cities and school districts, the polls opened at 7 a.m. today and will remain open until 8 p.m. tonight.

Residents in the Bridgman school district today will decide the fate of a \$3.5 million building program to provide the district with a new high school.

Those living in the Fennville and Saugatuck school districts will decide if the two districts shall merge into one district. A similar proposal was defeated in 1961. The proposal must be approved by a majority in both districts.

Residents of the Dowagiac school district in Cass county and in the Hopkins district in Allegan county are voting on millage proposals. Dowagiac residents are being asked to approve the renewal of 14 of 14½ mills for two years for operating funds. Hopkins residents are voting on the renewal of five mills for operating funds for five years and on one mill for a bus storage building for two years.

Tomorrow, residents of the Lakeshore school district in Berrien county will go to the polls to vote on the renewal of seven mills to provide operating funds. The voting will take place in the high school lobby from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

MSU Prof
Will Speak

Dr. Max Raines, professor of higher education at Michigan State University, will speak on the "Challenges for Counselors and Counseling Services in the 1970's," Tuesday at the first community workshop for counselors in Berrien county.

Lake Michigan College is hosting the workshop which has been jointly planned by the LMC division of Community Services and the Berrien-Cass County Counselors association. Over 10 community social and mental health agencies are participating.

More than 50 school and agency counselors, clergy, and administrators already have registered for the workshop to be held at the LMC Napier avenue campus from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Zoning Law In Casco
Doesn't Require Vote

SOUTH HAVEN — The more than 80 persons who attended the Casco township annual meeting Saturday were told that the state attorney general has upheld the board's right to adopt a zoning ordinance without a vote of the people.

The opinion was sought after a petition was presented to the board protesting a zoning ordinance it adopted in November, 1968. The petition, which contained nearly 500 signatures, was presented in September, 1969, and called for an election to decide the fate of the zoning ordinance.

The attorney general ruled that the people have a right to petition for an election for only 30 days after an ordinance is adopted.

A proposed budget of \$69,468 for the 1970-71 fiscal year was presented. Last year's budget was \$72,518, but contained \$2,050 received from Consumers Power Co. in the sale of township-owned land.

Supervisor Rankin Lyman explained that a petition will be presented in the near future to both the Allegan and Van Buren

county road commissions requesting that they share the cost of erecting a new bridge on Baseline road east of Blue Star Memorial highway.

The supervisor's salary was increased from \$2,500 to \$3,750; the clerk's from \$1,650 to \$2,310 and the treasurer's from \$1,450 to \$2,030.

Secretary
Appointed
By Du-Wel

BANGOR — Walter L. Roberge, Jr., has been named secretary of Du-Wel Metals Products, Inc. He succeeds Edwin L. Fergin, who retired.

Du-Wel reported that the appointment was made during a recent meeting of the firm's board of directors here.

Roberge, his wife and family, reside at South Haven. Du-Wel, headquartered here, is a die casting and finishing firm. It operates plants at Dowagiac, Hartford, South Haven and here. Last March, 92 per cent of Du-Wel stock was acquired by Whale, Inc., a



WALTER L. ROBERGE, JR.

Nashville, Tenn.-based conglomerate, but has continued operating independently. Du-Wel employs about 800 persons.

Coloma Twp. Majority
For Sewerage Project

COLOMA — A straw vote of 75 residents attending the Coloma township annual meeting Saturday showed 73 in favor of the board's action in supporting a planned multi-million dollar sanitary sewage disposal system in the Paw Paw lake area.

Supervisor Roger Carter called for the show-of-hands vote. Two negative votes were cast by two leaders of a small group opposing the sewage system for Coloma and Watervliet cities and townships.

TELL OPPOSITION Jacob Thar and Stanley Turck voted against the board's participation in the sewage project. They objected that the board and engineers have not modified the financing program and protested that owners of property outside the sewer service area will be taxed to help support the system.

The two said that financing of the sewer system was not defined. They also questioned the legality of establishing an authority to carry out the project.

In other matters, residents approved a proposed budget of \$158,161.43 for the 1970-71 fiscal year. Most of the \$11,778 increase over last year's budget will go for operation of the new township police department and purchase of a new truck for the Coloma city-township fire department.

The township will request one mill from the Berrien county Tax Allocation board. Current state equalized valuation of Coloma township is \$13,921,000. Carter reported, an increase of about \$1.5 million.

The township will continue a \$1,600 appropriation for a summer recreation program and levying of three-tenths of a mill to help support the Coloma library.

\$250 FOR FLOAT

A donation of \$250 to assist with the Coloma float for the Blossomtime Grand Floral parade was approved.

Carter reported the new fire truck is on order and is to be delivered this year. The present township-owned truck will be retained at the fire station.

Chief Jack Page reported on the operation of the township's fulltime police department which began operations last

Jan. 1. Most persons in the audience approved the department's operations.

BUCHANAN

Voting Areas
Redistricted
In Township

BUCHANAN — Ivan Price, Buchanan township supervisor, has announced the township has been redistricted into four voting precincts instead of the present two precincts.

The redistricting was necessary, Price said, due to a change in the state election law limiting the number of voters in a paper ballot precinct to 400. He said the township now has 1,257 registered voters and with the two additional precincts the four precincts should be sufficient for six years.

Two precincts will be in the fire station and two in the township hall. The four precincts will be used for the first time in the August primary.